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1. Colonel Pavel Pavlovich Barsukov, Soviet Military Attache to Argentina, was planning to depart Buenos Aires 10 June 1950 aboard the MS PARAGUAY of the Swedish Rederi A/B Nordstjerma line, according to a report of 5 June. Barsukov will be accompanied by his wife Ekaterina Barsukova and his daughter Gennady Barsukov. Col. Barsukov and his wife bear Russian Diplomatic Passports 13008 and 13009 respectively.

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Barsukov has been recalled to receive personal instructions and briefing on the position of the USSR in the present unsettled international situation. According to a report of 25 April, Barsukov planned to return to Buenos Aires after an absence of six months, three months of which would be spent in transit and three months in Moscow. In a report dated 26 May source stated that neither Barsukov nor his wife were happy to be returning to Moscow, and it was only because they had two sons, aged 16 and 17, in the USSR that they were anxious to return.

3. Georgi Shchuchkin, an employee of the Soviet Embassy in Buenos Aires who departed Buenos Aires 2 May 1950 for Moscow on the Polish SS KOSCIUSZKO, was allegedly charged with the surveillance of Barsukov's activities while the latter was in Argentina. Source was of the opinion that Shchuchkin was recalled to Moscow to report personally to the authorities in Moscow on Barsukov's comportment while in Argentina.
4. Colonel Aleksei I. Orizchenko, Military Air Attache of the Soviet Embassy in Buenos Aires, will also probably return to Moscow for consultations.

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